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A. and M. College  
Dec<sup>r</sup> 1883

Genl. Lee

Dear Sir,

Respt.

State that I was sick two or three days while the class was reciting in a very difficult part of the book. therefore I got behind the class and went into the second section in order to review what the class passed over while I was sick. I am positive that I can do better and will do better next month.

Very respt. G. A. Foster.

W. A. Foster came into my section in algebra so late in the month of Nov. that I could not grade him for that month. The grade he received for that month, if any, was the one Lieut. Buck handed in for him. I took him into my section, because Lieut. Buck said that he was doing poorly with him, and

asked me to do so.

A. H. Payne, Prof. of Math.

Genl. S. D. Lee  
A and M Co

S. and M. College Miss.

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 1880

Am. H. Sec.

Dear Sir: With regard to my grade for the month ending Nov. I will say that I have studied hard as I ever ~~did~~ have since I have been a member of the College, and intend to continue studying for a month longer, and if my grade does not change for the better, I can assure you that you will not have occasion to get after me again, for I will quit school at once. While I was sick at the first of the session I missed a good many recitations, and which I believe are now acting as enemies to my progress. My marks were all surprising to me, except Geometry, for it has been very hard for me to learn ever since I commenced the study of it. But I did expect better marks than I got in my other studies, I will try it a little longer and see what effect will be produced, I got worse marks <sup>last month</sup> than I ever have since I have been at the College.

Very Respectfully

J. H. Willborn,

Willborn, J.H., got for the month of Nov., 50%.  
If the President will read again his excuse, he will  
see that Mr. Willborn makes no complaint of this  
mark, but says he was surprised that he got no  
higher marks than he did get in his other studies. He  
was not surprised at his mark in Geometry, for he  
says, it has been a difficult subject to him. He, also,  
thinks that the fact that he was absent so much in  
October, the first month, on account of sickness, has  
hindered him. I have no doubt of it. He made the  
remark to me in Nov. that he couldn't learn  
Geometry and would be dropped at the end of that  
month. I encouraged him by saying that I should  
never recommend that a student who tried to learn  
be dropped. He after that improved, and for Dec.  
earned the mark of 67.

To A.H. Payne, Prof. of Math.  
Gen. S.D. Lee, President.

student letter  
on grade to  
Pres. Lee. Comment  
of teacher  
Dec. 5, 1875